

The Messenger.

DEATH OF D. G. WORTH, ESQ.

With genuine regret we have learned of the death of Mr. David G. Worth, of the long established mercantile house in this city of Worth & Worth. It was not unexpected, for he had been in declining health for a year or more. Recently his condition was so serious as to arouse the apprehensions of his family and friends that the closing scene was very near. A sketch of his life appears elsewhere. In this place we merely wish to emphasize our very high regard for the deceased gentleman, for such he was in the true sense of that strong word, and to express our conviction that no man in our city bore a more honorable record and sustained a higher character, and that in his death the loss to Wilmington is great. He built up a large fortune by industry, judgment, and fair dealing. He was long a faithful, liberal member of the First Presbyterian church. He was humane, considerate of others, an excellent citizen, a true North Carolinian, a most worthy and noble son of the university of the state. He was generous, faithful to friendship, liberal in his benefactions, and a man when well known, to hold in very high esteem and confidence. In more than twenty-one years of residence here we have known no one who has discharged more faithfully the duties and responsibilities that attach to citizenship than David G. Worth. He has not been noisy or demonstrative, for such was not the temper or disposition of the man, but he has been circumspect, ready, awake to what concerned the true interests of Wilmington and the state, as he understood them. Those who have known much more of his religious life than we are informed, can better write of that. We had learned of his readiness and willingness to depart and be with Christ. His sufferings were very great and he longed to be at rest in the home of the good.

"He had kept

The whiteness of his soul, and thus men
o'er him wept."

BUTLER'S DEFACTION OF THE WHITES.

The Messenger has long since thought entirely too much consideration was given by the North Carolina democratic press to Butler and his antics and sayings. He would not have attracted one-tenth the notice he has if he had been really a superior man—a great man like Badger, or Gaston, or Vance. It was his clatter, his red-mouthed demagogic tirades, his ultrasm, his vanity, his assumptions of infallibility and all-mightiness, his stupendous impudence, his monumental gall, his identification with the most extreme and unwearied hobby-riders, his sansculotism generally, his untiring and insatiable ambition—these are the elements of this revolutionist that have given him such prestige in the past, and drawn out so much over-talk among democrats about Butler and his doings. The Messenger has only now and then noticed this slanderer of the white race, this deserter of the Anglo-Saxons and the men of the Aryan stock. It did not even refer to the reported abuse and most foul attempted defamation of character in his recent speech at Rocky Mount. It thought that possibly the prating turncoat had been misunderstood, and that depraved as he is he had not fallen so low that he could bring against the white race in North Carolina the damning charge that they were the cause of the rapes perpetrated in North Carolina upon the white women—that the democrats were responsible for these diabolical crimes as they sought to promote them. Nothing more positively absurd and vicious, low and devilish, was ever concocted in the brain of madness against the race of which the calumniator is such a disgraceful representative. It is a charge without the faintest semblance of justification. It is pure, unadulterated slander that should have blistered the throat and cindered the tongue that expectorated the slimy, venomous accusation. We refer to it now because it was not a false report, but the plain, unvarnished truth made good by competent witnesses. There was nothing lacking to make the honorable and self-respecting white men of the state hold the enemy of their race and the maligner of the democracy in that contempt which virtue and honor must always regard as baseness and pretense. He suggests what Milton said of the speech of Satan when he had been exalted "to that bad eminence."

"But all was false and hollow."

HOME FOLKS.

We publish in the "State Press" department an extract from the Asheville Gazette that confirms what we thought concerning the highest mountain in North Carolina—Mt. Mitchell. We are glad to get the facts from our friend Furman.

In the Western Carolina conference in session at Asheville, the delegates to the general conference that meets next May in Baltimore were elected. They are as follows: Clergy, James Atkins, J. H. Weaver, J. R. Brooks, C. W. Byrd, P. J. Carraway, Latty, F. Stuke, Leather, Dr. B. F. Dixon, W. R. Odell, M. O. Sherrill, F. C. Robins.

It has been published in North Car-

olina newspapers that Mr. W. J. Peele, of Raleigh, a lawyer, and brother of our friend Rev. Mr. Peele, former pastor of Second Baptist church in this city, had made an interesting discovery. He thinks he has found a genuine portrait of the eminent, faithful and wise old statesman in the past, United States Senator Nathaniel Macon, of Warren. He is the pure and noble North Carolinian of whom the eloquent and celebrated John Randolph, of Virginia, said that he was the wisest man he ever knew. This is stated in his will. If Mr. Peele has really made such a "find" he and the state are to be congratulated.

What a deplorable chapter in the history of an old commonwealth that is filled with records of crimes and the punishment that followed. They are far worse than "gruesome sights of war." The Messenger for Sunday contained such a dark picture for North Carolina. One of the convictions noticeable was in Cumberland—selling cigarettes to minors.

North Carolina politics attracts more or less attention in the north from time to time. Russell's performances have drawn the eyes of both north and south to him to some extent. His railroad pass calamity has aroused both censure and amusement. Occasionally a trick of Butler is glimpsed from a distance. From that pronounced organ of gold, the New York Evening Post, we learn through its Raleigh correspondent, that the new daily at Raleigh, to be called the Morning Post, perhaps after the aforesaid gold organ, is to be a gold organ. Here is what it said:

"It is true that among the stockholders in the company are many of the most prominent sound money democrats in the state, and one of the purposes of the paper will be to defeat Bryanism inside the democratic party."

If that is really its purpose it has a very big job on hand—much greater every way than the brilliant, able, distinguished Henry Watterson had in Kentucky. He failed and returns to the fold he deserted. We do not propose to anticipate the course of the new paper, but give the above for what it is worth. It has been stated that Mr. Robert M. Furman, of Asheville, is to be the editor. He has been a very pronounced silver man. How can he edit the Post if its policy is as stated in the extract copied?

We have received a note from our friend Colonel F. M. Parker, one of North Carolina's "bravest of the brave" in the great war, announcing the death of Mrs. Thomas W. Nicholson, of Halifax county, on 18th inst., at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Nelson, in Alabama. She was of the Thorne family, one of the foremost in the old historic county. She was perhaps seventy-five years of age, and indeed an "elect lady," a most pious Christian and for half a century, we doubt not, a member of the Methodist church, as were many others of her family. She had two noble sons, William and Edward, to fall in battle in the same week. Her son William was a man of good intellectual parts and if he had lived, as he once told us, he intended to write a history of North Carolina in the war of the states, a work unhappily not yet written although so much needed. We heard a brave man say that Captain Nicholson was the only man he met in the army who was ever ready for a fight, and never seemed happier than when the reveille sounded calling men to arms to meet the enemy. The last time we met him, at his father's, he was at home wounded. We asked him if he knew in how many pitched battles he had been engaged. He said twenty-five. He saw several after that, and was killed in one of the final fights around Petersburg. He was as modest as brave, and like his brother, who was killed in two or three days of him, he was a member of the Methodist E. Church. We know a very interesting incident of his life, but can not tell it here. It concerns General Lee. We were told it by General Lane, we think. No county sent better or braver soldiers to Virginia than Halifax, and among them there were not superiors to Colonel Parker, the Nicholsons, the Wiggins, Captain Octavius and Eugene, and Captain Buck Kitchin.

THE OPINION OF THE MEDICAL RECORD.

The great revolt against the foot ball brutalities grows in force and impetuosity daily. We could gather every day records of injuries. Before us in one paper, New York Evening Post, of Thursday last we find this. A boy in Pratt's Institute of Brooklyn was crushed under a heap of boys. He was "found lying on the ground groaning with pain. A doctor was quickly summoned, and it was found that Perce had his collar bone broken." At Stoughton (Mass.) a grammar school became a hospital because of the game—sprains, breaking of bones dislocating, etc. One victim has "water on the knee." The account in the Boston Record says: "Several of the boys have hobbled about for days, and attended school only with the aid of crutches. Others have appeared with bandaged

Hood's Pills
Are gaining favor rapidly. Business men and travelers carry them in vest pockets, ladies carry them in purses, housekeepers keep them in medicine closets, friends recommend them to friends. See.

limbs, and scratches and bruises have been and are now a very common sight. What makes the aspect of affairs most serious is the knowledge that these boys in nearly every instance are from ten to fifteen years of age and not as yet out of the grammar grades. The Providence (Rhode Island) Journal says Brown university, team playing in New York "had two men carried in an ambulance to the hospital and there was much 'slugging.'" The Yale university medical bill for games for the year, 1896-7, was \$956.98. This is copied from the Yale Alumni Weekly.

But the best sign of a growing revolt is the opinion of the eminent doctors. The leading American medical journal is the Medical Record, of New York. That high authority is decided and strong against the game. We copy a part, only, but it is important:

"In view of the great number of serious accidents on the foot ball field between college teams, it is impossible any longer to view the game in the light of innocent recreative amusement with harmless and healthful athletics as its object. Although so-called slugging has been ruled out in the new game there is still left enough of brutal muscular force to make the alleged sport productive of the greatest variety of surgical injuries to every part of the body. In fact, there is hardly a game played in which some one of the contestants is not more or less seriously hurt. Only the severer injuries are noted, while the lesser ones serve as enervating accidents to call forth the plaudits of the excited audience. Short of actual death on the field, not much account is taken of the hundreds of young men who are oftentimes injured for life as the result of the rough-and-tumble methods of the match."

Other medical authorities are speaking in the north. They agree with the Medical Record as to its dangers, serious casualties and slugging abuses, and say with it that "it should be abolished." The New York Evening Post, editorially condemning the game gives what a New York surgeon said:

"Unless a player is so badly hurt that he cannot enter the field again during the season, the injury is generally dismissed by both the young man himself and the public as a mere trifle, while really he may suffer the effects always, and more severely as he passes on from middle life into old age. No, I do not allow my son to play foot ball, recently I remarked an experienced surgeon of this city who has a son in college and who is a hearty believer in college athletics rightly conducted. I have had in my practice too many cases of 'water on the knee' and other such really serious injuries, which players treat as of no account, to be willing to have my boy run the great risk of a hurt that he will never get over."

The Surprise of all

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store.

SNAPS.

More Spanish victories reported in Cuba. Are they of the Weyler sort?

Great distress from fever and deaths reported from Cuba. The Spanish army is mostly in hospitals.

Senator Daniel says that there must be no back down in silver—that party success in 1900 depends upon being faithful to the great issue of 1896.

That American dentist, Dr. Thomas W. Evans, in Paris, was a great success. He accumulated \$15,000,000. We wonder how much was secured by his profession.

The short article in Sunday's paper on General Lee loses much of its significance by the omission of the name of the author. It was from a highly distinguished northern source.

It is given out that the rich men of Boston have sunk \$500,000,000 in western railroads and other concerns. New Englanders rushed into mortgage loan companies until they collapsed.

The fire reported from London was of vast proportions, destroying quite \$25,000,000 of property. It was the greatest since 1666, and yet a small affair compared with the great fire in Chicago.

See! Last year the Ohio republicans swept the state with 51,009 plurality. The election recently had gave but 28,101 plurality—a loss of 45 per cent. And it was a personal Mark Hanna campaign, hardly fought, and no doubt with the very free use of booze.

Diphtheria is prevailing considerably among the children who attend the public schools of Baltimore. The health commission directs attention to the drinking cups as a source of the disease. The Baltimore American says "the greatest danger of a spread lies in the water." Schools in other cities might give special attention to the water and the cups.

SHARPS AND FLATS.

The iron industry in the south is steadily improving. In spite of hard times there is much growth, and the coal industry is also advancing with steady steps. The editor of the Chattanooga Times has been writing up these industries in the New York Times. He says that in the south the following states manufacture pig iron, namely, Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia,

North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia; although the industry is chiefly carried on in Alabama, the two Virginias and Kentucky. As to the extent of the south's iron industry in 1897, Editor McGowan cites the following table:

Number of plants.....	106
Average number of hands employed.....	4,250
Metal produced, tons.....	120,325
Wages paid.....	\$1,249,212
Capital employed.....	5,492,125
Value of product.....	4,564,848

For 1896, he gives this in contrast:

Number of plants.....	118
Average number of hands employed.....	9,486
Metal produced, tons.....	1,738,400
Wages paid.....	\$3,416,278
Capital employed.....	29,574,471
Value of product.....	22,494,870

Our readers can bear witness to the interest manifested by The Messenger relative to pure drinking water against contaminated water. It has given from year to year many facts and no little evidence bearing on this subject. It is one of the most important of subjects, and no public journal can do better work or be more faithfully and humanely employed than in spreading information as to sanitation and all that concern the public health. The New York Sanitarian in a recent article gave some facts illustrative of vicious water supply. Writing of the river Tees, in northern England, and but ninety miles long, it says it "runs through towns with plenty of opportunity for contamination. There are hundreds of outhouses discharging into the river underneath, and during dry weather there is quite an accumulation of it running down through a number of towns. About 280,000 people drink that water at the different stations all the way down, while about the same population do not, being situated (though in the same sanitary district) so as to take their water supply from other sources—making a pretty good chance for comparison." What are the known results. The people who drink the Tees water are constantly suffering from typhoid fever, "while their fellow towns-people, drinking from other supplies, have no typhoid fever increase amounting to anything." Very significant.

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PUBLIC OPINION

The Globe-Democrat is rather lame in its election statistics. Two years ago Governor Bushnell's plurality was 92,000, and in 1893 William McKinley defeated Lawrence T. Neal by a plurality of 80,000.—Washington Post.

This country will lose none of its charm, though Henry Watterson is to pass from dress parade to the darkened corners of obscurity. It will continue to be one sweet song of joy, just the same as though Mr. Watterson were in the centre of the stage and under the full glare of calcium and bunch lights.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The old adage that "murder will out" is well illustrated in the confession of Mrs. Augusta Mack, the New York woman, who charges her paramour, Martin Thorn, with slaying and mutilating her former lover, William Guldensuppe, for whom she deserted her legal husband. By this confession a great mystery has been cleared away, and the author of one of the foulest murders on record will soon be brought to justice.—Houston Post.

It is said that several of the New England cotton manufacturers who are now visiting the south are the look-out for sites on which to build cotton mills. The Yankee has never been accused of blindness to business opportunities, and the fact that he sees in the south the best of all regions for the manufacture of cotton is a sufficient guarantee that he will take care to get his share of the advantages offered here.—Atlanta Journal.

The only man in the United States who is committed to the belief that the Dingley tariff bill is a success in every possible way is Dingley himself. Others may think that it has brought prosperity to the country, but has failed to yield the necessary revenue. Dingley is committed to the belief that it has brought both prosperity and revenue. Some persons may think that even if it has been a success in both these particulars, the American people have failed to appreciate it and have come somewhat short of expressing their admiration in the recent election. Dingley was committed before hand to the opinion that the elections were highly satisfactory except in New York, where two republicans were running for the office of mayor.—New York Evening Post.

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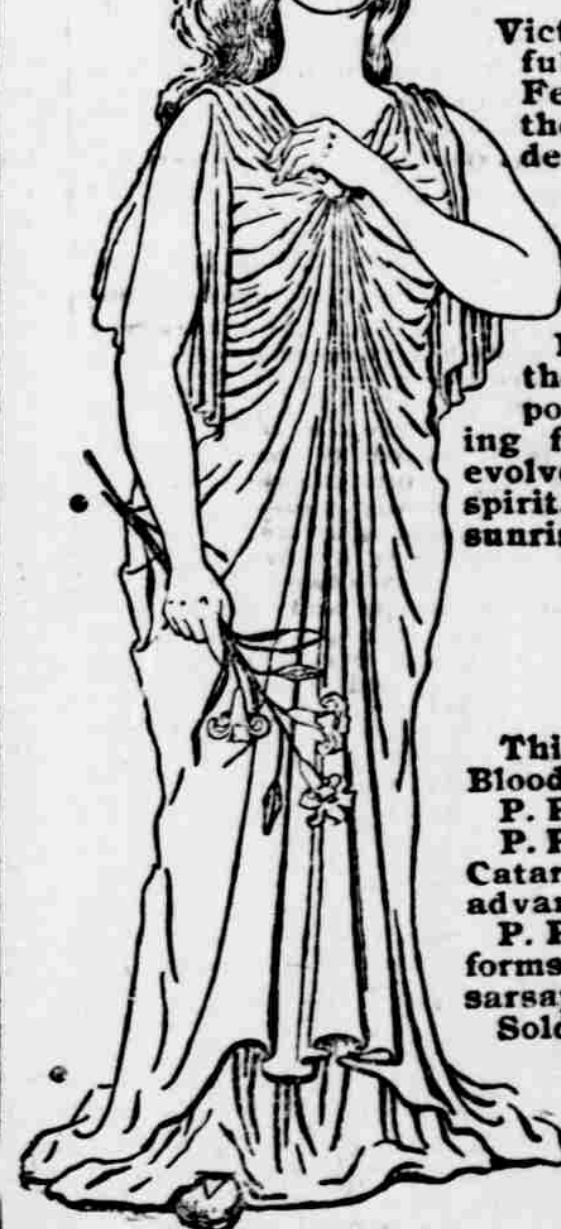
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